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Application Number	10/014,696
Filing Date	December 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	John Peter Heyward
Art Unit	3726
Examiner Name	I. Rosenbaum
Attorney Docket Number	13DV-13961

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John P. Heyward et al : Group Art Unit: 3726  
Serial No.: 10/014,696 : Examiner: Irene Cuda Rosenbaum  
Filed: December 11, 2001 : Response to Paper No. 9  
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AND METHOD OF REPAIRING SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003,  
applicant hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of  
the above-identified application in view of the remarks beginning on page 2 of  
this paper. No amendment to the specification, claims or drawings is made  
herein; claims 1-10 remain pending in the application.

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